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Applicant: Martyn Vincent Twigg : Art Unit: 1754
Application No.: 09/807,343 : Examiner: T. C. Vanoy
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FOR: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR :
TREATING COMBUSTION EXHAUST GAS :

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT

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A Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment was issued on February 20, 2003, indicating that the Preliminary Amendment mailed on April 12, 2001, is in error. The basis for this Office communication was basically that the Preliminary Amendment did not use the proper claims as a starting point. For example, claims 1, 4-7, and 9-12 in the Preliminary Amendment recited a "system," while the claims which the Examiner believed to be the original claims were directed to directed to a "process."

In response, the applicant notes that the originally filed claims 1-22 were replaced during prosecution of International Application No. PCT/GB99/03281 as claims 1-21 with the facsimile of October 5, 2000. These claims were submitted with the application as filed (with the IPE Report) and a copy of these claims are attached hereto for completeness. Also, the inventor's Declaration submitted in this application reflects the amendment to the claims made on October 5, 2000.

With this submission, the applicant believes that the requirement in the Office Action has been satisfied and respectfully request replacement of claims 1-22 with claims 1-21 as filed on October 5, 2000, and further request entry of the Preliminary Amendment mailed on April 12, 2001. If this is not possible at this point due to the entry of claims 1-22, the applicant respectfully

requests notification of this and will supplement this filing with a new set of claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures: Annexes to the IPE Report
(namely, claims 1-21, as amended under Article 34)

Dated: March 24, 2003

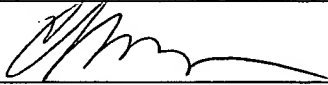
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